

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following paragraph to page 5, at line 14 as follows:

Figure 5 is a perspective side view of the present-inventive dirt shield implementation for moving clean air past process control sensors.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 19 to page 6, line 5 as follows:

Turn to Figures 1 and 5, A-a passive dirt shield or shield 110 is placed between process control sensors 130 needing shielding, and a photoreceptor (PR) belt 160. The PR 160 is shown as transparent in Figure 1 for convenience only. The process control sensors include, extended toner area coverage (ETAC) sensors, and marks on belt (MOB) sensors. Given the description of the present invention, however, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art to which the present invention pertains that other process control sensors can be shielded, such as toner area coverage (TAC) sensors. In fact, the sensors need not be optical sensors, nor must they strictly speaking, be process control sensors. A further example of sensors which would benefit from the present invention is paper path sensors.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheet of drawings include new Figure 5.

Attachment: Figures 1-5